



Creation Matters

A NEWSLETTER PROVIDING CHRISTIANS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND THE MUSEUM AT "CREATION MINISTRIES OF THE OZARKS"

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THE NEED IS GREATER THAN EVER

When Jesus Christ was on trial before Pilate the Roman governor of Judea just before He was crucified, He said,

“For this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice” (John 18:37 NKJV).

Pilate then indicated his lack of a clear foundational world view by saying, **“What is truth?”** (v. 38). Most of the people living in this world have no foundation for living based on absolute truth. Whether Pilate was sincerely seeking a genuine answer to his question or whether he was expressing sarcasm we cannot say for sure. Something we do know is that most people living today have been influenced to believe that there is no absolute truth.

Thinking through the ultimate implications of such a belief is avoided by most people. Secular society continues to be unsure about what to believe. For them, there are no definite answers to the basic questions of life: Who am I? Where did I come from? What is my purpose for existing? What happens to me when I die?

For the believer who comes into a personal relationship with God it is completely different. Sometimes I pause when giving a tour at our museum and ask our guests some rhetorical questions: Why did God bother to create anything at all? What is the purpose of all that we see in the world and the universe around us? Why did He bother to create us as humans? Then I would tell our guests that the Book of Genesis gives us the answer to these and the other questions above. Genesis 3:8,9 reveals that God, in whatever form He chose to reveal Himself, spent personal time with Adam and Eve every day. What does this tell us? It reveals that the God of all creation desires a personal relationship with His creation. What could be more awesome than that?

This is one of the most important pieces of information that everyone needs to be aware of as they go through life. Therefore, at our CMOTO museum we like to emphasize this to our guests as they take the tour. It is man who has divided up what we see in creation into categories for study we call the sciences. So at our CMOTO museum we cover areas related to biology, geology, astronomy, paleontology, and archaeology. By so doing we show how observable, repeatable and experimental science (the universal science method) supports the history of the Bible. The Bible and its

contents relate to history, and its foundation is not science, but a supernatural record inspired by God—the God who was there at the beginning of creation and beyond in eternity.

A dinosaur fossil is extremely limited as far as revealing much about the time in which the creature lived, unless there was a reliable witness or witnesses who prepared an accurate record of that time and circumstances. This is the only way we can be assured that Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, George Washington and others were actually real people.

The good news is that we have such a record of truth in the Bible, and although it is not a science textbook, where it relates to science it is absolutely accurate, and its historical record has been faithfully recorded by those present at the time of these events.

The bottom line is that we can trust the reliability and accuracy of the Bible above all books in this world. The need to teach its truths is greater than ever. At CMOTO we intend to stand by this commitment with the strength God gives us. RB

MONTHLY CREATION CLASS ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6.30 P.M.

AT THE BRANSON MUSEUM LOCATION

Dr. Dale Scheusner will begin a new series of talks combined with media presentations.

VISIT OUR CREATION

EXPERIENCE MUSEUM AT:

4180 US Hwy. 65 North MO 65771

(Just 7 miles north of Branson)

Wednesdays — Saturdays 10.00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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ASHTORETH'S BABIES

by Jeanne Chatman

During Old Testament times babies were laid upon the pagan altars of Ashtoreth, the ancient goddess of fertility. The little ones were burned alive as the drums, loud chanting, and wild orgies drowned out their screams.

Babies were the human sacrifice to appease the goddess, who was supposed to give a better life to the adults for their offering. Satan hates God and human beings created in His image. This enemy seeks to destroy and deceive mankind. The satanic lie lives in abortion, which is the murder of unborn babies, because people believe that they will have a better life.

The deceived mothers will not have the burden of the child, and the medical staff will profit financially. As Planned Parenthood Clinics sell baby parts, there is no compassion or acknowledgement that the fetuses are little human beings. It is a big profitable business, and the precious little ones have no rights or protection. Some medical staff and researchers justify their participation by claiming that the body parts will advance medical science.

In this system the consciences of the people involved in abortion are clear, because Satan has desensitized them over the years with the atheistic theory of evolution. This theory is now presented as factual in public school textbooks, state universities, and medical schools. It is foundational to accepting abortion, and the unproven assumptions it claims as facts. Here are the assumptions:

1. There is no God. All things came from nothing—a small dense, hot dot, called a *singularity* exploded and formed the cosmos.
2. As the earth cooled over billions of years, it rained on the rocks and sparked life from a rock.
3. The first life form was a bacterium that evolved in two directions, plants and animals.
4. The bacterial cells in the primordial soup evolved into fish that evolved into amphibians, that evolved into reptiles, that evolved into birds and mammals.
5. A small ape mammal evolved into modern apes and humans, which are both classified as primates.

This is pure God-less indoctrination. There is no evidence for these claims, and the massive web of evolutionary assumptions work together to support each other in the great LIE from Satan.

However, people believe it because that is what they are taught. There are no transitional fossils, no missing links or ape men. There are man-made drawings and charts in textbooks designed to support evolution. Old ape skulls, and skeletons [such as those of the Australopithecus genre] are claimed to be “almost bipedal (walking with two legs),” “almost a transitional fossil,” “almost going to evolve into a human,” but they are all hoaxes and lies. Yet they are still referred to in textbooks as though it supports evolution.

God's holy Word, the Bible, records: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). God spoke all things into existence in six days. Evolutionists tell us that is impossible. How do they know? Were they there? Do they possess knowledge of all things? Are they not created by God and under subjection to Him? Is God not all powerful? Is God not the author of space, time, matter, gravity, centrifugal force, inertia, and all that is?

God can do all things, and created all things, which were not done the way the evolutionists theorize. So, why should we believe what other men theorize? They reject God, and do not have a relationship with Him as we Christians do. They should certainly not be indoctrinating our children in school with lies from Satan. As God said in Job 38:2,4: “Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?” “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?” Evolutionists are ignorant men, claiming to be wise, but leading us astray.

The Bible recognizes the unborn as human children (See Isaiah 26:17; Jeremiah 31:8). The clinical term “*fetus*” degrades the status of a human child. The unborn are not a mass of tissue, but a human being formed and growing by the hand of God. We did not evolve from an ape. The Bible says we are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

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THE POWER OF INFLUENCE



We have all been influenced one way or another. This is why it is so important for the Christian to have a solid foundation in the Word of God. It is believed by many church leaders that most professed Christians do not spend quality time with the Bible on a daily basis. This would produce weak faith. The Bible says, **“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”** (Romans 10:17 NKJV).

The challenges Christians face in today’s 21st Century require strong faith that cannot be sidetracked by influences from the world, the flesh, and the devil. The Apostle John has given us clear warning. He wrote:

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world” (1 John 2:15,16 NKJV).

It becomes a matter of authority. What do we look to as our authoritative guide for living the days of our lives? If we find by self-examination that we *love* the world as John warned, then we cannot be living by the authority of God’s Word.

One of the strong influences of today is the powerful persuasion given through education and media to take for granted as fact that evolution is scientifically true. Young people in college are literally bombarded with this influence, and if they are not fortified with the truth from the other side of the story—biblical truth regarding creationism—they are ripe for the taking by intimidating educators who having been deceived themselves will deceive those under their instruction.

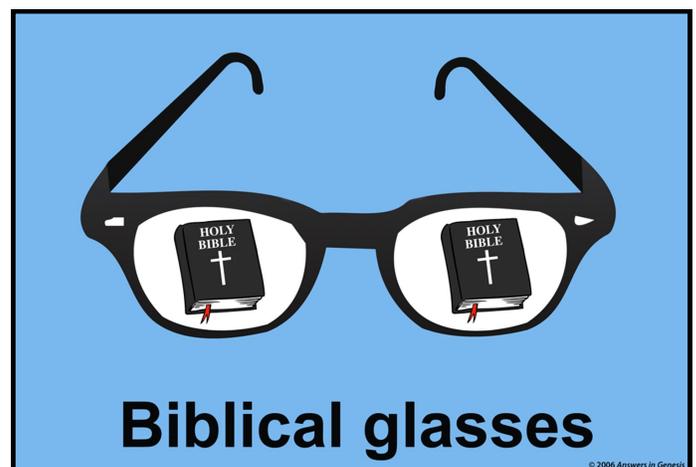
A news channel on TV recently interviewed a pastor of an evangelical church who decided to approve full acceptance and membership in his church for same-sex couples. His reasoning was basically along the line that *love covers all*. One young lady that may have been a lesbian said when interviewed: “I can feel welcome and comfortable in this church, but I didn’t at my previous church.” During this interview the Bible did not enter into the discussion.

This is what will happen if the Bible is not given its rightful place of authority. If this is not done then anything goes. As Christians in this world our daily lives are supposed to be positive influences for righteousness. God definitely has a better plan for us than to be constantly compromising with the degrading influences of a wicked world, even if alluringly deceptive. Again, the Bible speaks clearly:

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles [cunning plans] of the devil” (Ephesians 6:10,11 NKJV).

Notice that the first piece of armor mentioned is **“truth”** (v. 14)—in other words, the Word of God. And the truth is that our lives will reflect how much priority we are giving to the Word. If we are filling our minds and spirits with the living truths of God’s Word we will be an influence on all those we interact with on a daily basis. The influence of the world will have no effect upon us like water falling off a duck’s back.

Let’s make sure we wear our biblical glasses every day. If we do, *we will be the ones influencing others for God*.



STRAFFORD CREATION EXPERIENCE MUSEUM CLOSED

For those who have visited and loved our Strafford creation museum over the last six years, we must inform you now that through what we believe to be the leading of the Lord and recent circumstances beyond our control, we have had to make the difficult decision to close the doors. Originally, our vision has always been for a creation museum ministry in the Branson area, and opening a museum in the small town of Strafford was quite a surprise to us.

Most of you will know that the Lord is now blessing the new Branson museum and the miraculous location He has provided us there with an increasing number of visitors (over 4,300 in the first 16 months). Actually, we are seeing that the closing of the Strafford museum will have the effect of enriching the Branson museum because of the exhibits that can now be transferred and add to the effectiveness of our displays there. However, we know that there will be many who will be disappointed because of the closing of the Strafford museum, and this we fully understand. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause any of you, and hope you will understand and continue to pray and support this ministry. Our CMOTO volunteer staff are all expecting great things from God as we continue in Branson.

Our sincere thanks to all who have visited the Strafford museum over the last six years, and especially for your faithful prayers and financial support. Now we will continue to trust the Lord for His help and wisdom as we move ahead with the huge vision He has given us for Branson. For those who have not yet visited our Branson location, we hope you will come soon and bring others with you to enjoy the witness and testimony of *Creation Experience Museum*.

COME AND VISIT US

CREATION EXPERIENCE MUSEUM IN **BRANSON** IS OPEN WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS 10.A.M. TO 5.00 P.M.

ADMISSION FREE—DONATIONS APPRECIATED

SOME CURRENT NEEDS FOR THIS MINISTRY:

1. Pray with us for more volunteers to train as tour guides at our Branson museum (ages 18+, two more would be of great help). This exciting ministry helps to embolden people in their faith and witness.
2. Praise God that the \$5,000 matching challenge for parking lot improvement that has been matched. This is a wonderful start, but it will probably cost over \$20,000 to complete this project.

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www.CMOTO.org (SIGN UP FOR OUR FREE NEWSLETTER ONLINE)

Or call: 866-771-TRUE (8783)

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Branson, MO 65616 **Please make checks to CMOTO**

A WORD ABOUT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial accountability is extremely important to us. To this end *Creation Ministries of the Ozarks* has a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS. Donations can be claimed as charitable giving for tax purposes. We have engaged the services of Mr. Dan Wisner, Certified Public Accountant in Springfield, Missouri.

“CREATION MATTERS”

You can hear our two-minute creation broadcasts on KWFC 89.1 FM at 11.21 a.m. CST Monday thru Friday each week which covers the Springfield and southwest MO area.

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